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1. JUSTIFIED OR NOT, INDIAN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
EXPERTISE HELD IN LOW ESTEEM BY SAUDI OFFICIALS. IN
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THREE RECENT TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND WATER

CONTROL PROJECT INDIAN BIDS, THOUGH LOWEST, WERE REJECTED OUT OF HAND BY SAG. IN ONE CASE INDIAN BID WAS ONE-HALF THE COST OF THE BID MADE BY WINNER OF TENDER.

2. WE ARE NOT SANGUINE ON EQUALITY OF COOPERATION INDIANS HERE BUT HAVE SET UP MEETING WITH INDIAN COMMERCIAL SECRETARY TO DISCUSS AREAS WHERE THERE MAY BE MUTUAL BENEFIT. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE ESTIMATE THAT U.S. FIRMS WHICH DO WIN LARGE LABOR INTENSIVE PROJECTS CAN POSSIBLY USE SOME INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE WORKERS. WE ESTIMATE THE SAUDIS WOULD HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT A LARGE INFLUX OF INDIAN SKILLED AND UNSKILLED CONSTRUCTIONWORKERS.

3. IT IS OF INTEREST TO NOTE THAT KOREAN, CHINESE, MALAYAN AND SWEDISH COMMERCAIL ATTACHE'S HERE HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN PIGGY-BACKING U.S. FIRMS WHICH WIN LARGE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND HAVE ASKED COMATT'S HELP. IN ALL CASES THESE HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO CONTACT U.S. FIMRS INVOLVED DIRECTLY. A KOREAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, BOOHEUNG, HAS BROUGHT IN A LABOR BATTALION OF 1,800 WORKERS NOW LOCATED IN THE EASTERN REGION. ITS GENERAL MANAGER, CHONG TIM KIM, HAS OFFERED TO SUPPLY WORKERS ON PROJECTS WON BY U.S. FIRMS. THE WORKERS HAVE BEEN IMPORTED UNDER THE AEGIS OF A SAUDI FIRM.

4. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER AFTER OUR DISCUSSION WITH INDIAN EMBASSY HERE.
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